

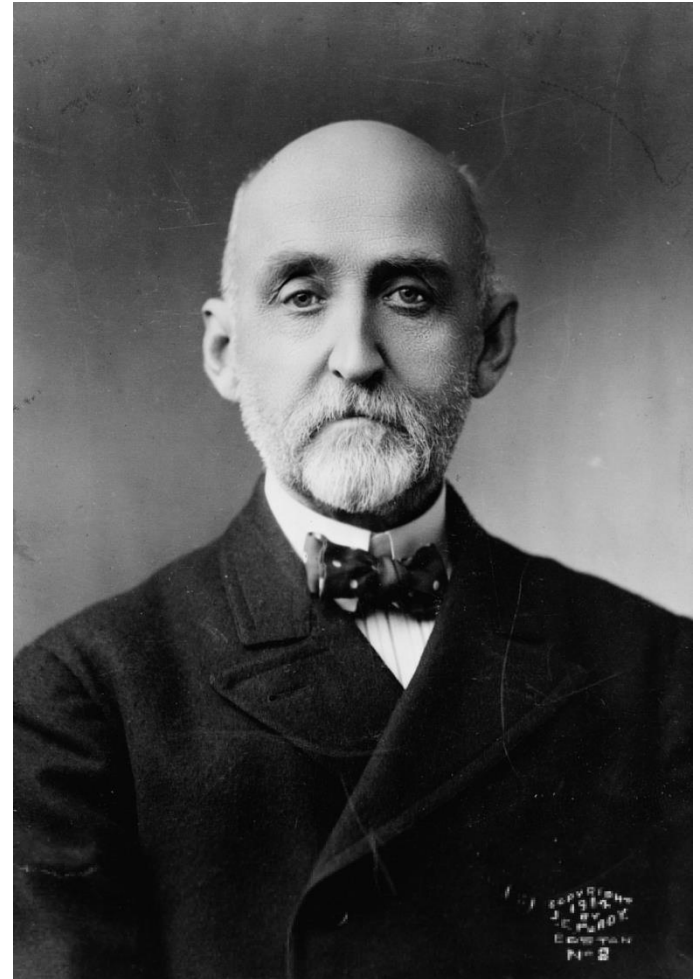
United States Foreign Policy, 1898 - 1919

Expansion into the Pacific, The Spanish-American War, Latin American Policy, and World War I

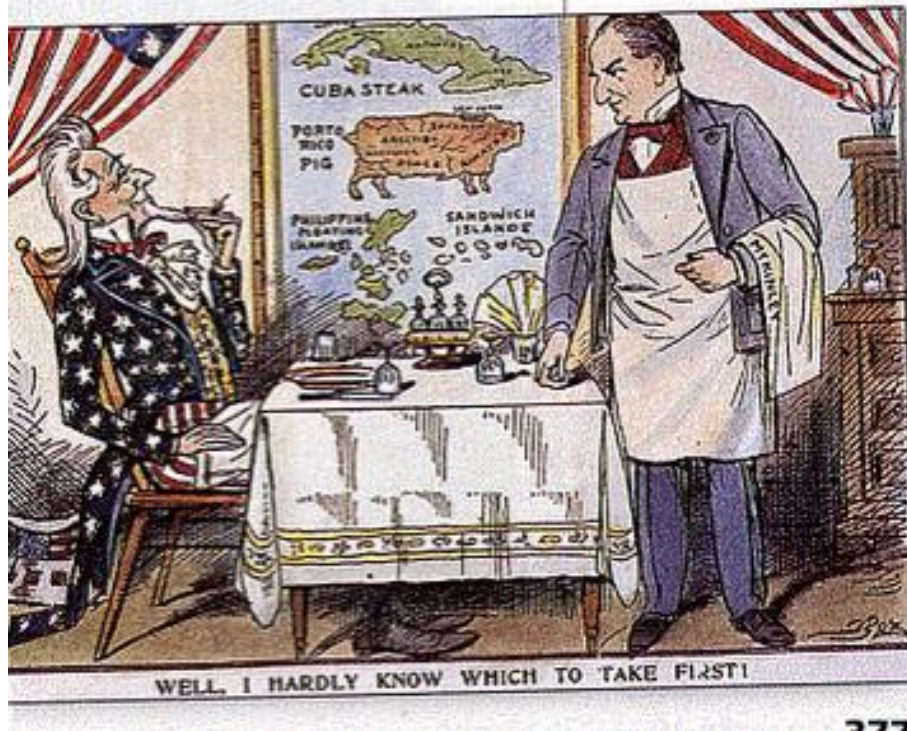


Alfred Thayer Mahan, The Influence of Sea Power Upon History

In 1890, Alfred Thayer Mahan, a US Navy flag officer, wrote the book The Influence of Sea Power Upon History. This book encouraged Americans to open new ports abroad, to facilitate trade, and to build up a Navy which was capable of defending American interests and protecting American trade. In the process, he changed the nature of American foreign policy. The Navy grew, and so did Americans influence around the globe. One of his most famous readers: TR.



International Trade & Global Economies, 1890 – World War I



Uncle Sam looks over a menu of imperialistic opportunities: Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Hawaii – which was once called The Sandwich Islands.

The United States of America, like many other nations, was eager to expand its economy by finding new places to trade. In the 1860s, the United States had acquired Alaska and the Midway Islands. By collecting colonies in the Pacific and the Caribbean during the Spanish-American War – and other island nations like Hawaii and Samoa – the US expanded its global influence and opened trade with new markets. This, it was believed, would lead to prosperity and strength.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

The United States intervened to assist Cuba, a right we continued to assert until the Cuban Missile Crisis – and a right which still maintains control over Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Causes of the Spanish-American War: Remember the *Maine*!

The United States was genuinely concerned about Spanish misrule in Cuba, but the yellow journalism of the period heightened concerns over the island. When the USS *Maine* exploded in Havana Harbor, newspapers immediately blamed it upon the Spanish – with or without evidence.



The USS *Maine* blew up in Havana Harbor on February 15th, 1898, killing over 260 American sailors. Yellow Journalist blamed the Spanish!

Treaty of Paris of 1898

READ "THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE, BEGINNING TODAY."
THE WEATHER—Snow tonight clearing Tuesday morning; easier Tuesday night from southerly winds becoming less wintry

EXTRA NEW YORK JOURNAL SPORTING SPECIAL.

W. R. HEARST.

JULY 1, 1905—P. M. MONDAY—Snow, cold. NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 4, 1905. MONDAY—Snow, cold. PRICE ONE CENT.

PEACE TREATY IS RATIFIED, AWFUL SLAUGHTER

S P O R T
EXTRA NUMBER NINE, THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 1993
NEW ORLEANS RACING

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Forty Baseball Candidates at Yale.

YALE, Conn., May 10. — Forty baseball candidates registered in Yonkers to compete for the coaching job.

About 200 men from around the management reported that the players will be selected by the end of the month. The players will be selected by the end of the month. The players will be selected by the end of the month.

Eight weeks in the past, the situation here will be clear for the future.

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BARNETT'S BODY UNUSUALLY EXAMINED.
 The body of the man who was killed in the explosion at the
 factory of the National Trust for the Blind, in the
 city of New York, was examined by a physician who
 is a member of the National Trust for the Blind.

**Our Troops at Manila Killed the Filipinos by the
Thousands--40 Americans Killed.**

**NEW ATTACK ON
MANILA TO-DAY.**

Admiral Dewey Cables the News
That the City Itself Has
Been Attacked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A cablegram was received at the Navy Department from Admiral Dewey at 9:30 o'clock this morning, of which the following is a translation:

MANILA, FEB 6.
"SECRETARY OF NAVY, WASH-
TON:
"INSURGENTS HAVE ATTACKED
MANILA. BOSTON LEAVES TO-DAY

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He can also land rapid-fire guns and landings and Maxims, with their withholding crews.

The War Department has ordered General Cota to capture every important port held by insurgents near Manila, and especially to locate and capture a powder factory where Aguinaldo has produced most of his ammunition.

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57 TO 23.

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Test Was Reached.

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AGAINST THE TREATY.

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**FILIPINO LOSS
IS 4,000 MEN.**

About 40 Americans Dead.
Beaten Insurgents Torn to
Pieces by Dewey's Guns.

MANILA, PH. 8.7.60 - THE SCENE PRESENTED IN THE ENVIRONS OF THE CITY OF MANILA AS THE SUN WENT DOWN ON SUNDAY EVENING WAS ONE OF TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION.

IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH BEGAN AT 4.30 O'CLOCK SUNDAY EVENING AND CULMINATED YESTERDAY IN A DEVASTATED OR DISTROYED MANNER, AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES

MADE NECKLACES, THE FILIPINOS WERE UTTERLY ROOTED WITH FEARFUL SLAUGHTER.

FROM THE BEST INFORMATION OBTAINABLE AT THE WRITING, THEIR LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED AT 4,000, WHICH ESTIMATE IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE EXCESSIVE.

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THEY HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN GETTING READY FOR THE ATTACK FOR SOME TIME, THEIR ACTIONS IMPLICATING EXPECTATION OF TAKING THE AMERICANS OFF THEIR GUARD; NOT THE VIOLENT WORK OF OUR TROOPS COMPLETELY DEMORALIZED THEM AND PUT THEM UNWILINGLY TO SILENCE.

THE CASUALTIES, HOWEVER, WERE NOT CONFINED TO THE FILIPINOS. AS THE NUMBER OF OUR KILLED AND WOUNDED GROWN, IN FACT, OUR TROOPS SUFFERED MORE THAN WAS AT FIRST REPORTED. UPWARD OF FORTY HAVING BEEN KILLED AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY WOUNDED, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORTS.

THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN TROOPS ENGAGED WAS 26,000 WHILE THE FILIPINO FORCES NUMBERED 92,000.

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The American troops, while the fighting was going on, were directed in the following manner, from the bay on the north around the city to the bay on the south:

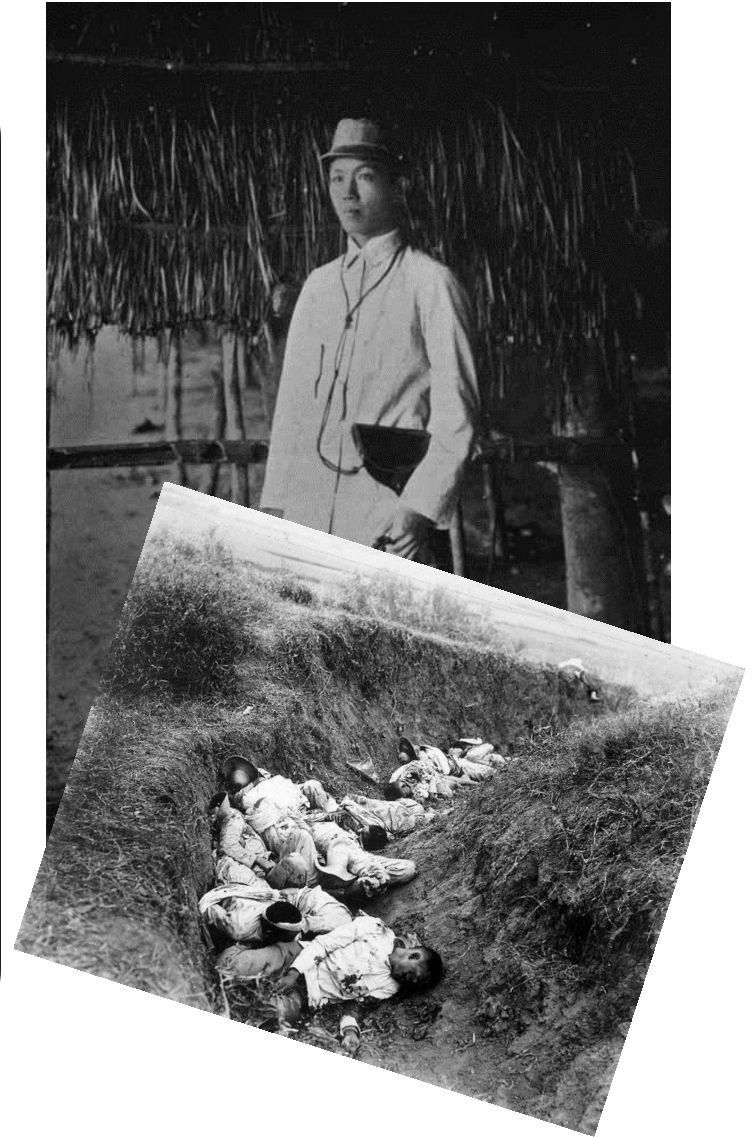
The Tenth Cavalry Infantry, Third Artillery, First Montana Infantry and Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, under the command of Brigadier-General O'Conor; the First South Dakota Infantry, First Colorado Infantry and First Nebraska Infantry, commanded by Brigadier-General

The First California Infantry, First Idaho Infantry, First Wyoming Infantry and First Washington Infantry, under Brigadier General King; the Fourth Cavalry, Foreman's Infantry and First North Dakota Infantry, commanded by Brigadier-General Dyerhime, both

Secretary of State John Hay called the Spanish American War “A Splendid Little War!” It was short – only about six weeks. It was victorious, as the United States won most of the battles, and more soldier died of disease and food poisoning than from conflict. After the war ended, the United States took possession of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines (for \$20 Million), and Cuba became an American protectorate. NOTE: Filipinos opposed US takeover of the islands violently!

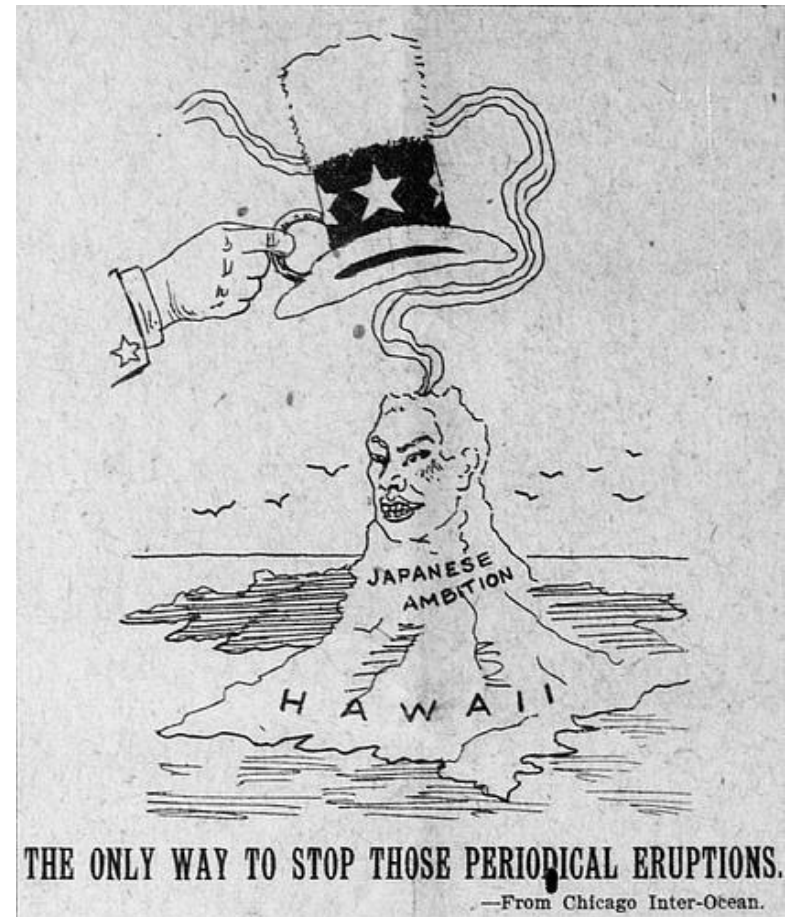
The US Purchases the Philippines

The United States purchased the Philippines for \$20 Million in the Treaty of Paris of 1898. The decision to take over the islands came as a huge surprise to Filipinos like Emilio Aguinaldo, who had cooperated with Americans in overthrowing the Spanish only because he believed the Philippines would have their independence. In the years following the colonization of the Philippines, a bloody war of conquest was fought by the United States. Conservative estimates of the number of Filipinos killed number in the hundreds of thousands.



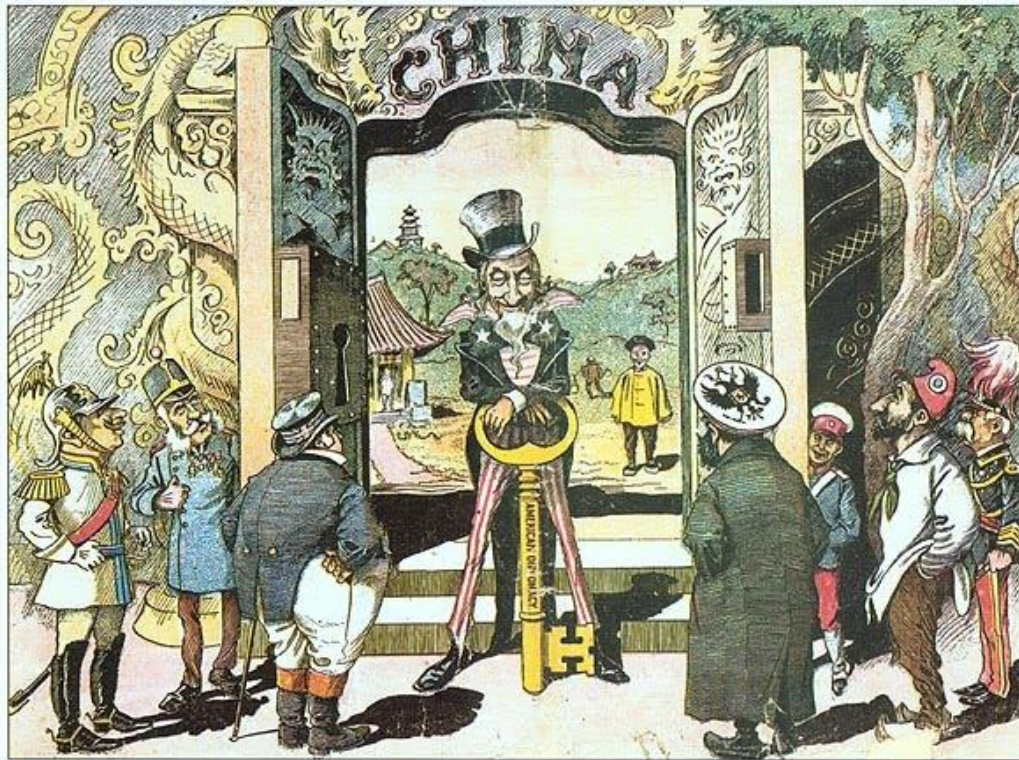
The US Overthrew Queen Liliuokalani in 1893 and annexed Hawaii in 1898.

In 1893, Queen Liliuokalani was overthrown by a group of American planters, businessmen, and Marines. Americans had been in Hawaii for decades, taking over the export industries there and establishing a naval base – with the permission of King Kalakaua in the 1880s. Although President Grover Cleveland refused to annex Hawaii initially, William McKinley would do so in 1898. Hawaii was a territory of the United States until 1959, when it became a state.



THE OPEN DOOR POLICY IN CHINA

The Open Door Policy was proposed by Secretary of State John Hay. Essentially, it was a proposal that the United States be allowed to trade in China on the same terms which already existed for other European Powers in the nation. The Chinese hated the idea, and revolted against it in 1900 with the Boxer Rebellion.



THE OPEN DOOR

THE OPEN DOOR POLICY IN CHINA



The Open Door Policy might better have been called the “Kick Your Door Down Policy.” European powers and Americans all trade in China on terms which favored themselves, leaving China weak, disorganized, and economically exploited. Meanwhile Europeans fought with one another over control in the most lucrative regions for trade. Americans (pictured over the right shoulder of the Russian bear!) were a little late to the party.

Roosevelt Builds the Panama Canal



Panama Gained its Independence Due to American Intervention

In 1903, Theodore Roosevelt asked nicely for permission from Columbia to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. Colombia, despite a lucrative offer, refused. Undeterred, Roosevelt proposed to a group of Panamanians that they seek independence. With American support and the promise of future monetary compensation, Panama gained its independence and allowed the United States to purchase the Panama Canal Zone. Work was soon under way!



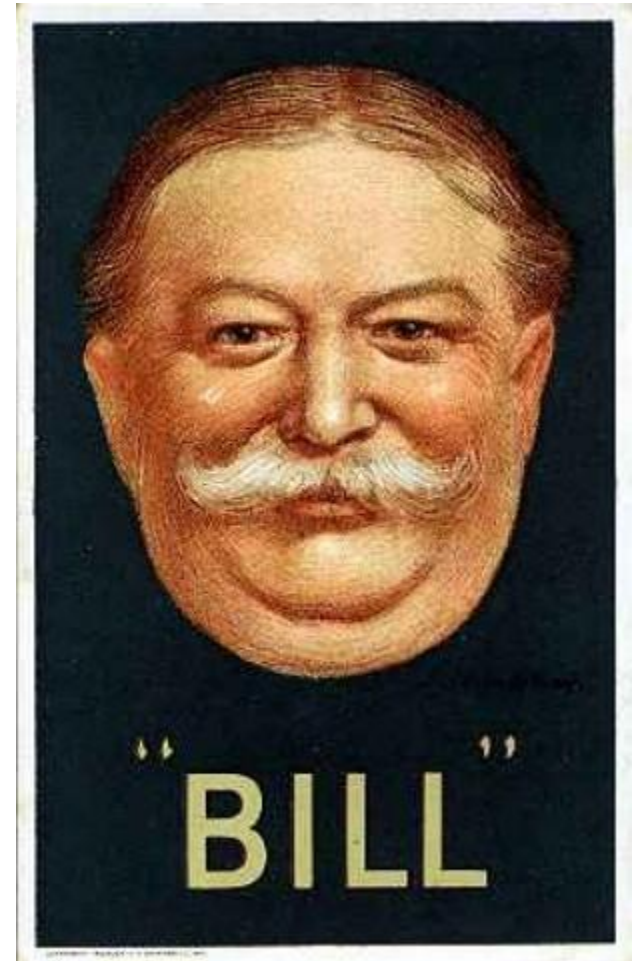
THE TREATY TO BUILD PANAMA CANAL

Roosevelt's Big Stick Diplomacy was never more obvious. "Speak Softly, But Carry A Big Stick!," he claimed. In dealing with Colombia, he had asked nicely enough to build the canal. However, when they refused, Roosevelt used the "Big Stick" to get his way. It took about 11 years to finish construction of the Panama Canal, and most of the work was done by people of African descent from the Caribbean. But in 1914, just before World War I began, the canal opened. Roosevelt, who had traveled to Panama himself, took credit for the projects completion.



William Howard Taft's “Dollar Diplomacy”

If Theodore Roosevelt was famous for “Big Stick” Diplomacy, then William Howard Taft was known for “Dollar Diplomacy.” His plan for influencing affairs in Latin America and the Caribbean was to let American businessmen show the people of Latin American how to make money from their resources – Dollar “Bills.” Taft used the US military to protect American business interests in Central America and the Caribbean.



Woodrow Wilson and WW I

Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States during “The Great War” from 1914 – 1918. (They didn’t call it World War I, for they had no idea that World War II was to come.) Wilson advocated for “Moral Diplomacy” – and suggested it was the role of the United States to teach the virtues of democracy, capitalism, and individual rights to the world – whether it be in Latin America or in Europe.



Alliances in Europe, World War I

The Allies:

- England
- France
- Russia
- (The United States, 1917 – 1918)

The Central Powers:

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary



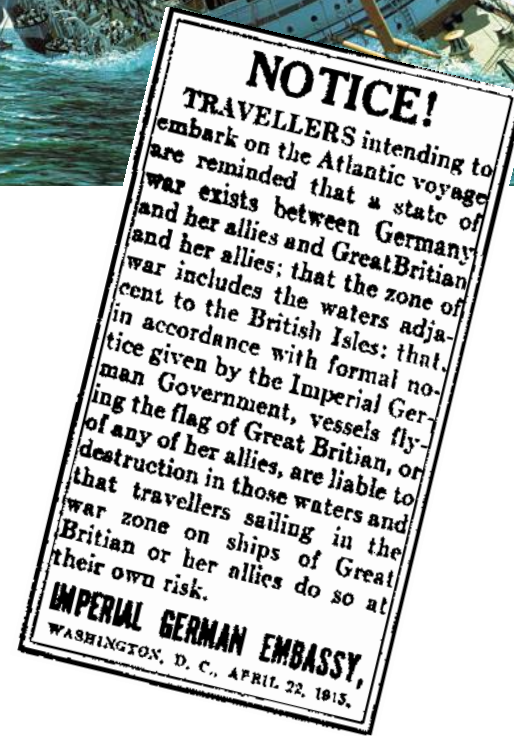
American Neutrality: He Kept Us Out of War!

When the war broke out in Europe, Woodrow Wilson wanted nothing to do with the conflict. Many Americans wonder which side our nation – a nation of immigrants from throughout Europe – should support in a European conflict. Wilson advised – at least until 1917 – that Americans remain neutral in mind as well as in action. But he allowed trade with both sides to take place, and thus opened Americans to an incident which may produce a declaration of war.



Unrestricted Submarine Warfare

- On May 7, 1915, the HMS Lusitania, a British passenger liner, was sunk on the open seas by a Germany U-boat. Over 1000 passengers died, including 128 Americans.
- By 1917, over Allied ships had been sunk by German U-boats, a practice known as “unrestricted submarine warfare.”
- After Germany violated the so-called “Sussex Pledge” not to sink US ships in 1917, Americans began to mobilize for war.



Historic Ties to England

The United States and England had close relations between the Civil War and World War I. This, coupled with the shared belief of the two nations in capitalism, democracy, and individual rights – and a common language and history – made most Americans sympathize with England during World War I. (Irish Americans and Germany Americans did not always agree...)



“Make the World Safe for Democracy!”

After the Zimmermann Telegram – a clumsy attempt by Germany to get Mexico to attack the US – was discovered, war with Germany was eminent. The formal declaration of war took place in April of 1917. Wilson claimed that the United States must fight for “Freedom of the Seas!” “To End All War!,” and most importantly, “To Make The World Safe For Democracy!” At the time the US entered into World War I, all of the Allied Powers – England, France, and Russia – were democracies... (The democracy would not last long for Russia – the Russian Revolution took place later that year – bringing Lenin to power.)



American Resources and Materials Helped to defeat Germany.

In war, sometimes, timing is everything. The United States send its enormous quantities of men and materials to Europe at a point when both sides were at their limits. For the Allied Powers, the United States represented welcome relief and reinforcements. To the Germans, American soldiers represented an insurmountable foe with endless supplies and reserves. Before a year was out, Germany was seeking surrender. An armistice was signed at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918. (11/11/11 – 1918).



Woodrow Wilson's 14 Point Plan

Before the war was even over, President Woodrow Wilson was working on a plan to bring peace to Europe. His 14 Point Plan was supposed to be a remedy for Europe – not only to resolve the present war, but also, to prevent warfare in the future. In this hope, Wilson was far too optimistic. And yet, he would yield great power during the Paris Peace Conference of 1918 – 1919, and many of his ideas were put into the Treaty of Versailles, which ended the war.

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GERMANY ASKS PEACE EXTRA ON WILSON'S 14 POINTS

Thousands Gather for Celebration When News of Peace Move Comes

Fourteen terms of peace in Germany have been asked for by the German government, according to a dispatch from Berlin. The terms are based on President Wilson's 14 points. The German government has asked for peace on the basis of Wilson's 14 points, and has asked for peace on the basis of Wilson's 14 points. The German government has asked for peace on the basis of Wilson's 14 points, and has asked for peace on the basis of Wilson's 14 points.

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NO PEACE TALK UNTIL GERMAN TROOPS LEAVE FRANCE, BELGIUM, RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—There will be no peace talk until German troops leave Belgium, France and Russia. This is the answer that officials and diplomats today to reports that Germany is sending a request for peace negotiations.

That Prime Max would propose a cessation of hostilities was expected, and ask for a discussion of war aims raised by President Wilson.

Germany's greatest peace offensive is in the way, according to its view. Having her focus in the field of battle she is now entering into a series of peace proposals in the hope that she can stave off the fate that is ahead of her.

Military officials were against any feeling that the end of the war is at hand.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 6.—Prime Minister de Ruiter, the new German chancellor, announced in the Reichstag that he is commencing his request for peace negotiations to President Wilson through Rotterdam, according to dispatches received here today.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—What newspaper comment has been made so far regarding the latest peace move by the Central Powers is a flat declaration to even consider the proposal. Dispatches reaching here show that Germany has offered to negotiate peace on a basis of President Wilson's terms, but does in her speech, but has failed to make any concrete that would prove acceptable to the allies.

The text of the Austrian note, which will be transmitted to President Wilson, bears the same tone that former efforts have borne.

PARIS, Oct. 6.—Paris newspapers today turn their backs on the latest attempt of the Central Powers to negotiate a peace. The front pages of these Paris newspapers today have the statement that the only possible armistice must come from a French victory in Champagne.

The Lusitania declared: "An armistice means that it is possible for Germany to avoid defeat."

Europe is fully confident in awaiting the president's opinion.

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14 Points: Freedom of the Seas

Wilson wanted to outlaw all secret treaties, promote free trade, reduce the size of militaries throughout Europe. But a bigger priority was “Freedom of the Seas.” Wilson wanted for all nations to agree that trade could not be disturbed by renegade nations like Germany, who had used submarines as murderous weapons against travel and trade.



14 Points: Self Determination of Nations

Wilson believed that Serbia's desire for self-rule had been legitimate before the war started, and claimed that all people deserved "self-determination" when it came time to establish proper governments. Most of Wilson's 14 Point Plan concerned granting independence and self-government to new nations in Europe.



After World War I, the Austro-Hungarian nation was broken up, and land from both Russia and Germany was used to create nine new nations in Europe. This, to Wilson, was "self-determination in action."

14 Points: The League of Nations

The last point in Woodrow Wilson's 14 Point Plan was the creation of an international peace keeping organization called the League of Nations. Originally, the idea was to create a representative world government which would resolve nations' differences by negotiation and democratic methods. That task proved to be too difficult, especially when large, powerful nations were banished from – or refused to join – the League of Nations.



I think that the dove which carried an olive branch back to Noah on the Arc must have taken a smaller branch, right? Wilson's "peace offering" didn't every fly straight.

14 Points: Mandate System

- The Mandate System within Wilson's 14 Point Plan was used to reshape the Middle East in the years following World War I, as well. When the Ottoman Empire fell apart at the end of the war, new nations like Jordan, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, and Turkey were formed in the Middle East.
- Similarly, areas previously controlled by European nations were put on the road to autonomy and self rule in Africa.



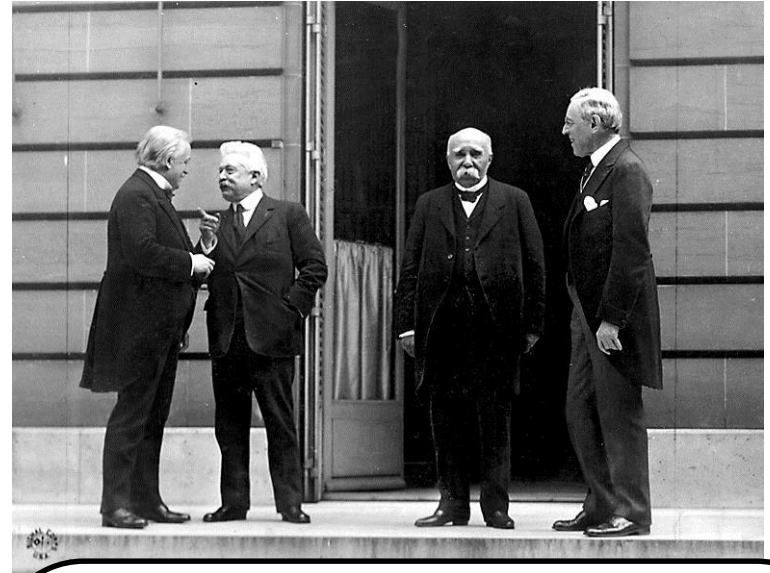
14 Points: The League of Nations

Russia's Communist government wasn't allowed in the organization, and Germany didn't have any significant power. The United States opted never to join the organization, and Japan quit it in protest. Worse yet, the organization proved completely ineffective in preventing aggression and enforcing international law.



Treaty of Versailles

Not every aspect of Woodrow Wilson's 14 Point Plan was agreed to. The French and the English insist upon punishing Germany for starting the war...to the tune of \$33 Billion in reparations. Privately David Lloyd George and George Clemenceau despised Wilson and his idealistic vision of the future. But in the end, they agreed to redraw the map of Europe and to create Wilson's beloved League of Nations, which would be centered in Geneva, Switzerland.

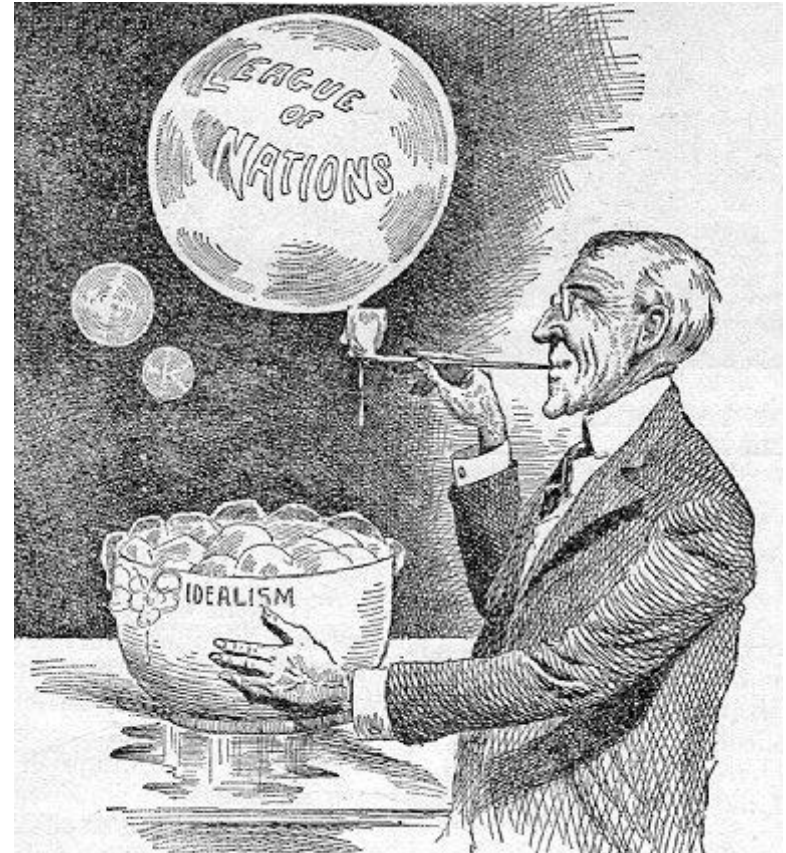


After World War I, Germany and Russia were locked out of the Paris Peace Conference. From Left to Right:

- *David Lloyd George of England*
- *Vittorio Orlando of Italy*
- *George Clemenceau of France*
- *Woodrow Wilson of the United States.*

Treaty of Versailles

The League of Nations was created at the end of World War I, but it proved to be a feeble, weak institution. Not only was it ignored by many of the most powerful nations on Earth, it was never joined by the United States. Faced with increasing aggression and militaristic action during the 1920s and 1930s, the League of Nations failed to correct the behavior of dictators and aggressors.



- Finland
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Czechoslovakia
- Austria
- Hungary
- Yugoslavia
- Turkey
- Soviet Union



The Treaty of Versailles Debate: Henry Cabot Lodge says “NO!”

Many Republican leaders feared that by joining the League of Nations the United States would be giving up its sovereignty – or, it's ability to determine our own foreign policy choices.



The Treaty of Versailles Failed

- The United States Senate never ratified the Treaty of Versailles.
- The United States never joined the League of Nations.
- The League of Nations never worked to enforce international laws – or the Treaty of Versailles.
- World War II started almost twenty years to the day after the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

